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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Lima, Canario, Price, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: January 27, 2017

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 21 of the General Laws entitled "FOOD AND DRUGS" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 38

4 SALE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS NOTICE

5 **21-38-1. Sale of genetically modified organisms.**

6 (a) Any retail business which sells food and food-related items as defined by §44-18-  
7 7.1(l), which has gross annual sales of over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) shall post a  
8 sign in a prominent location in all of its stores which states that: "Unless otherwise clearly  
9 indicated, all of our food products contain genetically modified organisms."

10 (b) The sign requirement as set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to  
11 restaurants, take-out or fast-food establishments.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require all businesses that sell food which have gross annual sales of over  
2 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), with the exception of restaurants, to post signs that  
3 inform their customers that all the food products that are offered for sale contain genetically  
4 modified organisms unless clearly indicated otherwise.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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